HUNTER ETHICS

Hunting, like other sports, involves its enthusiasts to different degrees for varying reasons. It is called recreation yet little of its true meaning is revealed by words like diversion, relaxation or entertainment. The job of good hunting is a demanding one. A hunter's actions are governed by a rigorous code of ethics and he who embraces it keeps his vows in solitude with no witness but the land itself. Your assistance in helping the Wildlife Service preserve these ethics will be appreciated and it was in this spirit that these regulations were passed.

THE PAPERWORK

Make sure you understand the administrative details of hunting in the N.W.T.

RESIDENCY:

There are three classes of sports hunters in the N.W.T.: resident, non-resident, and non-resident alien.

A resident is a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant who has been living in the N.W.T. for at least 2 years.

A non-resident is also a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant but one who lives outside the N.W.T. or has not resided in the N.W.T. for a full 2 years.

A non-resident alien is someone from outside of Canada.

ELIGIBILITY:

No licence to hunt big game shall be issued to any person who has not yet attained the age of sixteen years.

YOUR LICENCE:

Your licence is composed of 3 parts: a wildlife certificate, and the species stamps and tags that go with it. Together they compose your authority to hunt and possess game in the N.W.T.

The certificate is the form onto which your species stamps are attached. It carries no weight without them.

Wildlife species stamps are issued for a particular species and constitute your authority to hunt it. They must be attached to your certificate.

Wildlife tags are numbered metal strips. They are your authority to possess game and must be attached to the hide, carcass, or trophy. Resident hunters receive one tag per animal. Non-resident and non-resident alien hunters receive an identically numbered pair for most species.

EXPIRY DATE:

Licences are issued for 1 year starting July 1 and ending June 30.

LOST LICENCE:

If you lose your licence or part of it you can get a replacement from the nearest wildlife officer by signing an affidavit and paying a fee of $1.00.

FEES: There are 3 kinds of fees:

1. **Wildlife Stamp Fees:** for all classes of hunters — they must be paid and the stamps attached to your licence before you go hunting.
2. **Trophy Fees:** for non-resident and non-resident aliens only — they must be paid after you have bagged your animal and before an export permit is issued.
3. **Export Permit:** for all classes of hunters — your permit to remove game from the N.W.T. Cost: $1.00

FEE COSTS

Species	Resident		Non-Resident		Non-Resident Alien	
	Stamp Fee	Trophy Fee	Stamp Fee	Trophy Fee	Stamp Fee	Trophy Fee
Small Game	$ 5.00	N/A	$10.00	N/A	$25.00	N/A
Barren-ground Caribou	*$10.00	N/A	$10.00	$100.00	$25.00	$100.00
Moose	$ 5.00	N/A	$10.00	$100.00	$25.00	$100.00
Woodland Caribou	$ 5.00	N/A	$10.00	$100.00	$25.00	$100.00
Black Bear	$ 5.00	N/A	$10.00	$ 50.00	$25.00	$ 50.00
Grizzly Bear	$ 5.00	N/A	$10.00	$250.00	$25.00	$250.00
Polar Bear	$ 5.00	N/A	$10.00	$500.00	$25.00	$500.00
Muskox	$ 5.00	N/A	$10.00	$500.00	$25.00	$500.00
Dall's Sheep	$ 5.00	N/A	$10.00	$100.00	$25.00	$100.00
Mountain Goat	$ 5.00	N/A	$10.00	$100.00	$25.00	$100.00
Wolf	$ 5.00	N/A	$10.00	$ 50.00	$25.00	$ 50.00
Wolverine	$ 5.00	N/A	$10.00	$ 50.00	$25.00	$ 50.00

* If a resident wishes to hunt only one caribou and hunt it in Zone J/1 he may pay a reduced licence fee of $5.00.

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

GUNS AND AMMUNITION:

When hunting big game in the N.W.T. you must use .23 or larger calibre ammunition except for barren-ground caribou north of the treeline, where .222, .22-250 and .223 calibre is permitted

Remember, if you are in camp without a valid hunting licence or passing through a wildlife sanctuary your gun must be sealed. Visit the local wildlife office before you head out and have the officer seal it for you.

BOW HUNTING:

Bow hunting is permitted in the N.W.T. subject to the same regulations as hunting with a firearm but there are some stipulations about draw weight and arrow type. Draw weight must be at least 20 kg at 700 mm draw. Arrows must have a broad-head point width of at least 25 mm at its widest point or an unbarbed three bladed bodkin head and must not contain any explosive.

It is illegal to carry or possess a bow in a wildlife sanctuary.

USE OF AIRCRAFT:

Caribou in some areas of the eastern arctic are on the decline. If you are flying into a hunting spot in zones J/1, F/1, F/2, H/1, H/3 or B/5 or using a plane to locate game in those areas you must land and wait 12 hours before beginning to hunt. This is to prevent aircraft from giving hunters more than a sporting chance. It does not stop licenced outfitters from making preparations for the hunt.

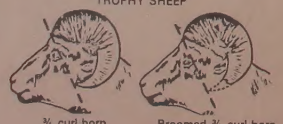
Helicopters cannot be used in zones B/5, F/1, F/2, H/1, H/3 or J/1 for any purpose connected with hunting other than emergencies.

Contravention of the regulations governing aircraft use in zones J/1, F/1, F/2, H/1, H/3 or B/5 carries a maximum fine of $2,000.00 or 15 months in jail.

WHAT IS A LEGAL ANIMAL:

You will need to know the following about Dall's sheep, polar bear, black bear and grizzly bear.

TROPHY SHEEP



¾ curl horn — Broomed ¾ curl horn

A legal Dall's sheep is a ram with at least one horn that is ¾ curl or larger. To check the curl, view the animal from the side and imagine a straight line from the base to the tip of the horn. If the line passes through the back corner of the eye or anywhere forward of that it's a legal ram.

If the horn is broomed, as they often are, imagine it as if it were whole and draw that same line. Again, if it passes through the back corner of the eye it's a ¾ curl ram.

A legal black, grizzly or polar bear is any bear that is not a cub or is not accompanied by a cub. That is, you may shoot any adult bear except a female with a cub.

A polar bear cub is defined as one measuring less than 1.50 m from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail. The hide measures less than 1.50 m from nose to tail when fresh and less than 1.8 m when stretched and dried.

A grizzly bear cub is defined as one measuring less than 1.37 m from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail. The hide measures less than 1.37 m from nose to tail when fresh and less than 1.55 m when stretched and dried.

A black bear cub is defined as one measuring less than 1.24 m from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail. The hide measures less than 1.24 m from nose to tail when fresh and less than 1.55 m when stretched and dried.

BAG LIMITS:

The following restrictions are placed on the number, age, and sex of animals to be taken.

BIG GAME

Barren-ground Caribou:
Resident — 2, (only one of which may be hunted in Zone J/1), however residents who have lived continuously in the Northwest Territories for a period of not less than 5 years will be allowed, except for Zone J/1, 1 additional barren-ground caribou wildlife tag upon proof of eligibility and the payment of a fee of $40.00.
Non-resident — 1, any age or sex
Non-resident Alien — 1, any age or sex

Woodland Caribou:
All Hunters — 1, any age or sex

Muskox:
All Hunters — 1, male

Moose:
Resident — 1, any age or sex
Non-resident — 1, male
Non-resident Alien — 1, male

Mountain Goat:
All Hunters — 1, any age or sex

Dall Sheep:
All Hunters — 1, male

Polar Bear:
All Hunters — 1, any bear that is not accompanied by a cub

Black Bear:
All Hunters — 1, any bear that is not accompanied by a cub

Grizzly Bear:
All Hunters — 1, any bear that is not accompanied by a cub

Wolf:
Resident — any number, age or sex
Non-resident — 1, any age or sex
Non-resident Alien — 1, any age or sex

Wolverine:
Resident — any number, age or sex
Non-resident — 1, any age or sex
Non-resident Alien — 1, any age or sex

SMALL GAME

There are no age or sex restrictions on small game. Seasons for all species run from 1 July to 30 June except for upland game birds for which the season is from 1 September to 30 April.

Hare: (all species)
Resident — any number.
Non-resident — 5 per day, possession limit 10.
Non-resident Alien — 5 per day, possession limit 10.

Marmots: (woodchucks or groundhogs)
Resident — any number
Non-resident — 5 per day, possession limit 10.
Non-resident Alien — 5 per day, possession limit 10.

Upland Game Birds: (Upland game birds means grouse and ptarmigan.)
Resident — 10 per day, possession limit 40.
Non-Residents and Non-Resident Aliens — 5 per day, possession limit 10.

DO YOU NEED A LICENCED GUIDE OR OUTFITTER?

If you are not a resident you will require an Outfitter or Class B guide to hunt big game.

For any big game species in zone E-1 or for hunting polar bear or muskox in the N.W.T. you need an Outfitter.

For barren-ground caribou, woodland caribou, moose, black bear, wolf or wolverine in zones other than E-1 as specified on the map side of this brochure you will need a Class B guide. A list of Class B guides are available from the wildlife officer in the area you wish to hunt.

POLAR BEAR AND MUSKOX HUNTS

Polar bear hunts continue to be offered and muskox hunts are now available. Bookings can be made through Qaivvik Ltd., Box 1538, Yellowknife, N.W.T. X0E 1H0 for both muskox and polar bear hunts and through the Inuvialuit Development Corporation, Inuvik, N.W.T. X0E 0T0 for muskox hunts only. Qaivvik Ltd. hunts out of Holman Island, and the Inuvialuit Development Corporation out of Paulatuk and Sachs Harbour.

ONCE YOU HAVE BAGGED YOUR ANIMAL

EVIDENCE OF SEX AND SPECIES:

Keep in mind while skinning your animal that you must leave evidence of sex and species of animal. For muskoxen the testicles or scrotum must remain attached to the hide. For Dall's Sheep the horns must remain attached to the head and the eye sockets must be intact. For moose the head must be retained or the testicles or scrotum left attached to the meat or hide. For caribou the testicles or scrotum must remain attached to the meat or hide.

WHERE TO ATTACH TAGS:

Remember tags are your authority to possess game. They must be attached as soon as you have finished field dressing your animal and remain so until it is consumed or processed (tanned or mounted). Tags cannot be reused.

For muskox and bear, all classes of hunters must attach the tag to the hide. For other big game, residents must attach the tag to the carcass and non-residents and non-resident aliens must attach one to the horns, antlers, head or cape and the other to the carcass.

NOTE: This pamphlet is neither a legal document nor a complete dossier of the current game hunting regulations. It is an abbreviated guide, published to assist the hunter to interpret the rules of hunting. If required, specific details of the regulations may be obtained from the nearest N.W.T. Wildlife Officer.

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Sport Hunting Zones and Seasons

	Season	Unit/Zone/Area
Resident	15 Aug/30 April	All except E,G,D/2, D/3,D/4,J/2,C/2
Non-resident	15 Aug/30 April	C/1,F,H/1,I,H/3
Non-resident Alien	15 Aug/30 April	C/1,F,H/1,I,H/3

	Season	Unit/Zone/Area
Resident	15 July/30 Jan	E,C/1,D/3,G/1
Non-resident	25 July/30 Jan	E,C/1,D/3,G/1
Non-resident Alien	25 July/30 Oct	E/1

	Season	Unit/Zone/Area
Resident	1 Sept/31 Jan	*C/1,D/3,E,F,G,H/3
Non-resident	1 Sept/31 Jan	*C/1,D/3,E,F,G,H/3
Non-resident Alien	1 Sept/30 Oct	E/1

	Season	Unit/Zone/Area
Resident	15 July/30 Oct	E/1
Non-resident	15 July/30 Oct	E/1
Non-resident Alien	15 July/30 Oct	E/1

	Season	Unit/Zone/Area
Resident	15 July/30 Oct	E
Non-resident	15 July/30 Oct	E/1
Non-resident Alien	15 July/30 Oct	E/1

	Season	Unit/Zone/Area
Resident	15 Aug/30 Oct	G,E,D/1,D/3
Non-resident	15 Aug/30 Oct	E/1
Non-resident Alien	15 Aug/30 Oct	E/1

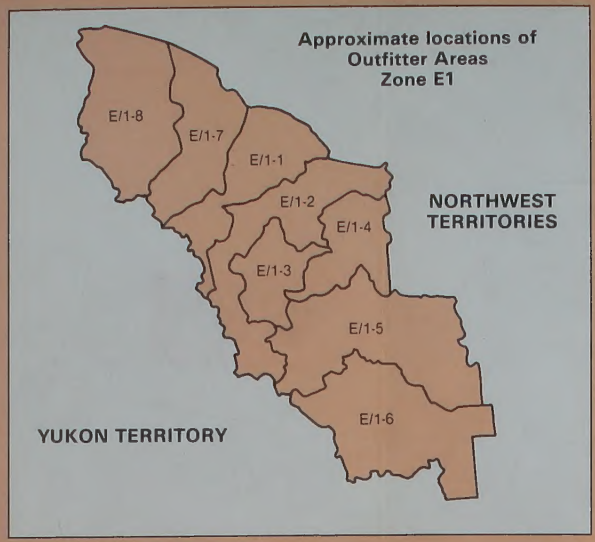
	Season	Unit/Zone/Area
Resident	15 Aug/30 June	C/1,D/1,D/3,F, G/1,G/3,H,E
Non-resident	15 Aug/30 June	C/1,D/1,D/3,F, G/1,G/3,H,E
Non-resident Alien	15 Aug/30 Oct	E/1

	Season	Unit/Zone/Area
Resident	1 Feb/31 May	All N.W.T.
Non-resident	1 Feb/31 May	All N.W.T.
Non-resident	1 Feb/31 May	All N.W.T.

	Season	Unit/Zone/Area
All Licencees	1 Oct/31 March	A1-1, A1-2, A1-3, A1-4, B1-1, B2-1, B2-3, B2-4, B2-5, C1-1, C1-2, H1-1, H1-2, H1-3, F1-1, F1-2, J1-1

	Season	Unit/Zone/Area
Resident	1 July/30 June	J/1, H/1, H/3, F/1, F/2
	25 July/30 April	All N.W.T. except J/1, H/1, H/3, F/1, F/3
Non-resident and Non-resident Alien	25 July/30 April	All N.W.T. except J/1, H/1, H/3, F/1, F/2

	Season	Unit/Zone/Area
Resident	25 July/30 April	All N.W.T.
Non-resident	25 July/30 April	All N.W.T.
Non-resident Alien	25 July/30 Oct.	E/1



E/1-1
Mr. Stan Stevens (pres.)
Box 124
Mackenzie Mountain Outfitters
NORMAN WELLS, N.W.T.
403-587-2288

E/1-2
Mr. W. E. Moynihan
(Secy.-Treasurer)
Skyline Outfitters Ltd.
Box 224
GLEICHEN, Alberta T0J 1N0
403-734-2228

E/1-3
Mr. Duane Nelson
N.W.T. Outfitters Ltd.
Box 1144
GLENWOOD, Alberta T0K 2R0
403-626-3279
or Summer —
c/o Watson Lake Flying Service
WATSON LAKE, Yukon
X0A 1C0

E/1-4
Tim and Hugh MacAulay
Redstone Mountain Trophy Hunts
Box 608
BANFF, Alberta T0L 0C0
403-762-3257
or Summer —
c/o Watson Lake Flying Service
WATSON LAKE, Yukon X0A 1C0

E/1-5
Mr. Bob Woodward
South Nahanni Outfitters
Box 586
CARDSTON, Alberta
403-653-2562

E/1-6
Mr. Greg E. Williams
Nahanni Butte Outfitters
Box 491
NANTON, Alberta T0C 1R0
403-486-5824
(Box 933, Fort Nelson B.C.
V0C 1R0 during hunting season, or
c/o Don Turner, Ft. Nelson
604-774-6646)

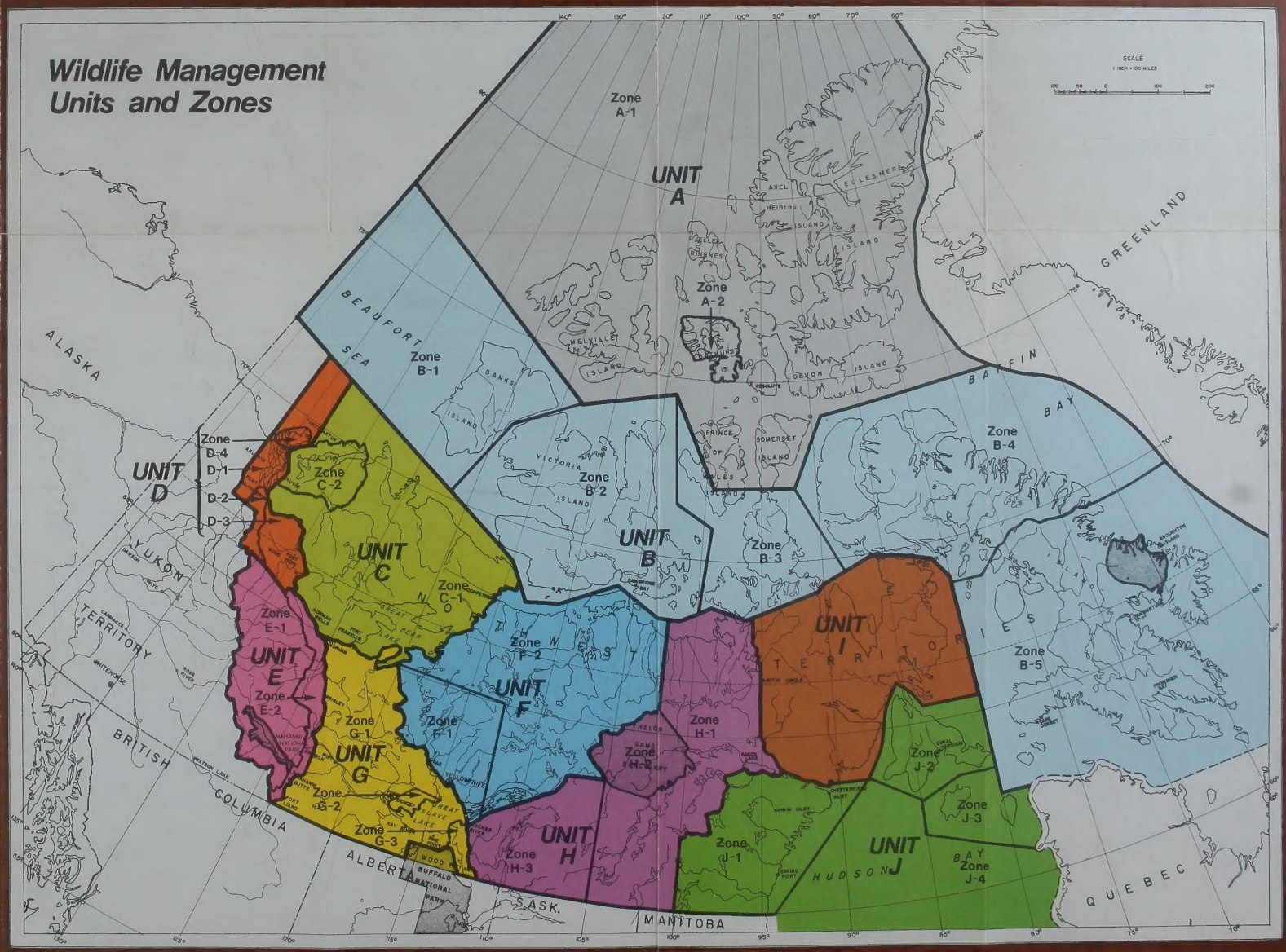
E/1-7
Gary Koopman
Gana River Outfitters Ltd.
1410 High Rd. No. 28
KELOWNA, B.C.
604-763-0685
or Summer —
c/o Perry Linton
NORMAN WELLS, N.W.T.

E/1-8
Mr. Ray Woodward
Arctic Red River Lodge Ltd.
Box 1457
LLOYDMINSTER, Alberta
S9V 1K4
403-875-8926
or Summer —
c/o Perry Linton
NORMAN WELLS, N.W.T.

Class Guide A required for non-resident and non-resident aliens to hunt big game in Zone E/1.

Class Guide B required to hunt the following in specified areas outside of Zone E/1:

Non-resident — barren ground caribou, woodland caribou, moose, black bear, wolf, wolverine.

Non-resident alien — barren ground caribou, wolf.

Class Guide C required for all sport hunters to hunt muskox and polar bear.